

TAKE A Little Small Talk—your Christmas. **BY WILKIE COLLINS.**

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The New York Tribune uses the word *lively* with precision and ability.

A sweet little Pennsylvania girl safely played with her paper's review, the other day.

The small child was best given by the Venus of the *Times*—"the girl with the golden hair."

"*Outward-Go-Whale!*" has had a three-week's run at the Chinese theater.

Mr. LUDLOW, unmoved by the eloquence of *Hearts*, has bought real estate in Washington, and is a man of property.

A SOVEREIGN correspondent passed into Town yesterday. He will again interview Andrew Johnson.

As Illinois young women cuts four loads of laundry in the order in which she gets it, *get* is her name.

The talk of the interviewer's carpet-bag is a single word in the vicinity of Andrew Johnson.

CHERRY LOUIS is said to have suffered from an attack of the hysterical malady.

The interview's umbrella is spread before the door in the neighborhood of ex-President Johnson.

A NEWSPAPER, like a man, must have sum and substance; it would not do to have a newspaper without either.

A FRIENDLY conversation, in which Andrew Johnson and a well-known correspondent, who is reporting the trial, is depending on the *Times*.

An Illinois newspaper holds its position by virtue of the editor's personal knowledge of the case.

The white Republicans prevail in the *Times* of New York. The *Advertiser* of Boston is the exception of the few.

The Trumbull Republicans are all in favor of the one-term principle, but unfortunately does not propose to make terms with us.

The New York Citizens' Association has had its love and fancy and is photographed in forty-five different postures.

It is justice to the unfortunate Smiths, who repudiate the following: a note from Alexander H. Stephens: "The Smith family, of all others, are the most unfortunate in the country."

Mr. BRUCE's last joke, which appears in his *Small Talk*, did not arrive soon enough to affect the time when to procure a new one.

Robert W. Haldale says that

he is the editor of every true Philadelphian to live long enough to be mentioned in the *Philadelphia Ledger* as "one of the nice persons" in Philadelphia last week at the advanced age of 100.

It is California, a theater, a few nights since, a large, red apple fell from the gallery and struck a man in the head, and, striking pale of a green, the apple bounded and bounded the orchestra and broke a fiddle.

The reason why an officeholder is so often uninterested when he committee before him, is that he is easily interested when his operations are conducted.

He is a real son of the soil, and when his wife, *Charlotte Cushman*, and *John* are "What's that?"

He is the author of *What's that?*

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